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SUBJECT: IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING--BELGIAN

PARTICIPATION

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1. BELGIAN DELEGATION TO ANNUAL BANK/FUND MEETING WILL CONSIST OF:

GASTON GEENS, MINISTER OF FINANCE
CECIL DE STRYCKER, GOVERNOR, NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM
JACQUES VAN YPERSELE, COUNSELLOR TO MINISTER OF FINANCE
EMILE KESTENS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TREASURY
M. DIERCKX, CHEF DE CABINET, FINANCE MINISTRY
M. VAN ORMELINGEN, TREASURY OFFICIAL
LODEWIJK MEULEMANS, TREASURY OFFICIAL
GEORGES JANSON, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM.

2. VAN YPERSELE, WHO WILL SOON BE ASSUMING NEW DUTIES AS CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER, AND WHO IS WRITING BELGIAN SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED AT FUND SESSION, INTENDS TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- -- STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF SDRS;
- $\hbox{-- NEED FOR GREATER MONETARY STABILITY};\\$
- $\hbox{\it --} FUND \ SURVEILLANCE;$
- -- INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY; AND
- -- EUROPEAN MONETARY INTEGRATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE BREMEN MEETING.

3. BELGIAN DELEGATION WILL HAVE NO SPECIAL BILATERAL ISSUES TO RAISE WITH THE US, BUT VAN YPERSELE EXPECTS TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFORMAL CHATS WITH US OFFICIALS, SEVERAL OF WHOM HE KNOWS WELL. BANK/FUND MEETING SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF EUROPEAN MONETARY INTEGRATION WITH VAN YPERSELE, WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EC MONETARY COMMITTEE, IS PLAYING A CENTRAL ROLE IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. OLSEN

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